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Agro-Forestry
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is contemplating to utilise agro-forestry to reduce the effects of climate change;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action in this regard so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Yes, Agroforestry is being promoted as farming system approach under agriculture development programmes of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. Under the Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), specific clusters on Agroforestry based farming system are taken up. Besides, trees on farm are promoted through Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) sub-scheme National Agroforestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM).

To give specific focus towards Agroforestry, a National Agroforestry policy was formulated and approved by the Cabinet in 2014. An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted to take forward the recommendations of the policy.

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